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SUBJECT: GUYANESE PARTICIPATION IN ELEVENTH WORLD FESTIVAL OF
YOUTH AND STUDENTS

REF: A. GEORGETOWN 1625, B. GEORGETOWN 1648

1. A "GUYANA CHRONICLE" REPORT OF JUNE 26 OF THE NATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE (NPC) STATES THT DUE TO "FINANCIAL AND OTHER LIMITATIONS" THE COMMITTEE HAS SO FAR BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE THE PARTICIPATION OF ONLY 45 DELEGATES IN THE FESTIVAL, OUT OF A FULL ALLOTMENT TO GUYANA OF 160.

2. ACCORDING TO THE "CHRONICLE", THE NPC VOTED ON JUNE 25 TO ALLOW GUYANESE STUDENTS STUDYING IN CUBA (UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS) TO JOIN THE DELGATION AS A MEANS TO CUT TRANSPORTATION COSTS. THE VOTE PRECIPITATED A WALK-OUT BY MEMBERS OF THE PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ORGANIZATION, THE YOUTH ARM OF THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP), WHO UNDOUBTEDLY SAW THE VOTE AS A MOVE TO LESSEN THE INFLUENCE OF THE OPPOSITION IN THE DELEGATION.

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3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE BURNHAM GOVERNMENT HAS OFTEN EXPRESSED ITS SOCIALIST SOLIDARITY AGAINST THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM AND REACTION, THE CONTINUING FINANCIAL CRISIS IN GUYANA IS EVIDENTLY AN OBSTACLE IN THIS CASE TO A PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION OF ITS IDEOLOGICAL FERVOR. THERE IS ALSO, OF COURSE, A MEASURE OF TRUTH IN THE PPP CHARGE

THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO SQUEEZE OUT REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF THAT PARTY. THE CUBANS HERE ARE THEREFORE
PLACED IN A SMOEWHAT EMBARRASSING SITUATION BECAUSE OF OLD
COMRADELY LOYALITIES TO CHEDDI JAGAN. THEY HAVE, UP UNTIL
NOW, OSTENSIBLY PRESSED FOR REPRESENTATION FROM BOTH THE
RULING PNC AND PPP YOUTH ARMS.
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